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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA OUTWARD BOUND

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAD ME AT HIS RESIDENCE MORNING NOV 14 FOR BREAKFAST. BISENGIMANA AND BULA MANDUNGU WERE ALSO PRESENT BUT SAID VIRTUALLY NOTHING.

2. PRESIDENT SAID BALA HAD MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER IN PARIS FOR SEVEN HOURS DISCUSSION. HE MOBUTU WELCOMED PROCESS THUS BEGUN. HE MADE CLEAR CATEGORIC NEED FOR STRICTEST SECRECY. IN FACT, HE HIMSELF HAVE ME FEW CLUES AS TO WHAT WENT ON DURING SEVEN HOUR CONVERSATION. RATHER HE CONCENTRATED ON WHAT HE THOUGHT I NEEDED TO KNOW TO SERVE AS CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION TO MULLER. THUS, POINTS TO BE CONVEYED TO MULLER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) USEFUL BEGINNING HAS BEEN MADE.

(2) MOBUTU IS PREPARED TO HELP AS REQUESTED BY MULLER IN BRINGING VARIOUS PARTIES IN NAMIBIA TOGETHER TO FORMULATE THEIR VIEWS JOINTLY.

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(3) MOBUTU HAS ALREADY ARRANGED FOR SWAPO PRESIDENT IN

EXILE TO COME TO KINSHASA, OSTENSIBLY TO PARTICIPATE
IN NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES NOVEMBER 24. HOWEVER, SWAPO
LEADER WILL ARRIVE SEVERAL DAYS AHEAD OF TIME FOR DISCUSSION
WITH MOBUTU.

(4) MOBUTU SEES TWO OPTIONAL WAYS TO PROCEED: (A) SOUTH
AFRICAN AUTHORITIES MIGHT SEND TWM OR THREE REPRESENTATIVES
OF NAMIBIAN SELF-DETERMINATION MOVEMENTS TO KINSHASA TO
MEET WITH SWAPO LEADER HERE. MOBUTU WILL FACILITATE
ARRIVAL FROM JOHANNESBURG AND RETURN TO NAMIBIA. (B)
MOBUTU WOULD DISCUSS SITUATION AND HOW TO PROCEED WITH
SWAPO LEADER AND PASS ANY RESULTING PROPOSAL BACK TO MULLER
THROUGH ME.

(5) FURTHER BSLA-MULLER MEETINGS CONTEMPLATED AT RIGHT TIME.

3. WHEN ABOVE IS CONVEYED TO MULLER, PERHAPS HE WILL
COMMENT IN WAY THAT WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND BETTER CONTEXT
OF DISCUSSION. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND ONLY, YOU SHOULD
KNOW THAT I HAD BEEN EXPLICITLY TOLD BEFORE MEETING THAT
PRESIDENT WOULD CONTROL SUBJECTS DISCUSSED, AND THAT
I SHOULD NOT RAISE MATTER WHICH I WAS NOT CERTAIN
BULA WAS CHARGED WITH. MY EFFORTS TO DRAW PRESIDENT
OUT ON OTHER ASPECTS OF MULLER DISCUSSION WERE LARGELY
UNSUCCESSFUL AND HE ALSO SIDESTEPED OPPORTUNITY TO
DISCUSS ANGOLA. HE DID LEAVE ME WITH IMPRESSION THAT
SOUTH AFRICA WAS PREPARED CONSIDER INDEPENDENCE FOR
NAMIBIA AS UNIFIED STATE AND THAT HE WAS BEING
ASKED TO GET VARIOUS PARTIES TOGETHER ON A COMMON
NEGOTIATING POSITION, MUCH AS HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO DO
THIS AMONG THE LIBERATION GROUPS OPERATING IN ANGOLA.
HE ALSO ALLUDED TO SOUTH AFRICAN CONCERN THAT THEY
OBTAIN GUARANTEES AGAINST ATTACKS ACROSS THEIR FRONTIER.
HE DESCRIBED GENERAL GOZ POLICY ALONG LINE HE HAD TAKEN
WITH EASUM IN LUBUMBASHI AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HIS
THINKING WAS COMPATIBLE WITH LUSAKA DECLARATION. WE HAD
SHORT EXCHANGE OF DEFERRING VIEWS ON GAUCTION BARRING
SOUTH AFRICAN FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION. HE
EXPRESSED PLEASURE AND I FOLLOWED AMBASSADOR SCALI'S LINE TO
ARGUE DECISION WAS UNFORTUNATE AND ILLEGAL. WE AGREED
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ISSUE WOULD ARISE AGAIN NEXT YEAR AND HOPED PROGRESS
WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE ON SOUTH AFRICAN ISSUE IN MEANTIME WHICH WOULD
PERMIT DIFFERENT RESULT IN NEW YORK.
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